

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.
50277-243322387 U.S. PTO
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Fei Ge, entitled COST-BASED OPTIMIZER FOR AN XML DATA REPOSITORY WITHIN A DATABASE, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

() Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional (X) Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application No: _____ Filed on: _____.

() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification 34 Total Pages; (X) Drawing(s) 4 Total Sheets; (X) Cover Sheet 1 Page(X) Oath or Declaration: 3 Pages

(X) A Newly Executed Declaration:

(X) Signed.

() Unsigned.

() Partially Signed.

() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

(X) Power of Attorney (2 pages).

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

() Associate Power of Attorney.

(X) A Check in the amount of \$1486.00 for the Filing Fee.

() Preliminary Amendment.

() Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

() Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

() A Certified Copy of Priority Documents (if foreign priority is claimed).

() Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

() Statement(s) of Status as a Small Entity Filed in Prior Application, Status Still Proper and Desired.

(X) Recordation of Assignment Cover Sheet and executed Assignment (7 pages).

() Other: _____

CLAIMS AS FILED				
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	48	18	\$18.00	\$ 504.00
Independent Claims	5	2	\$86.00	\$ 172.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				\$ 0.00
Assignment Recording Fee				\$ 40.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$ 770.00
Total Filing Fee				\$ 1,486.00

Throughout the pendency of this application, please charge any additional fees, including any required extension of time fees, and credit all overpayments to deposit account 50-1302. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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